

# AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

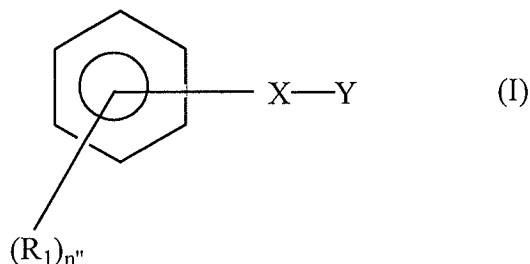
Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract (a clean copy of which is attached as Appendix A):

## ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to a cleaning solution for items soiled by organic materials soils, comprising:~~

- ~~—(A) more than 50% by weight, preferably more than 60% by weight, more preferably more than 70% by weight and most preferably more than 80% by weight of at least one lactone;~~
- ~~—(B) at least one surfactant compound having a HLB ranging from 8 to 15.~~

Disclosed is a cleaning solution comprising, based on the total weight of the solution: (a) more than 50% by weight of at least one lactone (component A); (b) and 1 to 10% by weight of at least one surfactant compound (component B) having a HLB ranging from 8 to 15 and selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



wherein:  $R_1$  denotes a hydrocarbon group comprising from 1 to 20 carbon atoms;  $n''$  is an integer from 1 to 5, X denotes a valence link, -O-, -OCH<sub>2</sub>, C=O or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>k</sub>, k being an integer varying from 1 to 2; Y denotes (RO)<sub>j</sub>H wherein j is an integer ranging from 2 to 40, and R is a divalent hydrocarbon group, and compounds of formula  

$$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_l \text{--- O ---} (\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_m \text{--- H} \quad \text{(II)}$$
wherein l is an integer from 6 to 13 and m is an integer from 3 to 15.